

JAN 19 2024

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAURA BLEARS DAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Laura Blears is
2 widely recognized as an icon who paved the way for women in
3 surfing. At the age of four, Laura Blears began surfing the
4 waves in Waikiki. She has been quoted as saying, "As a little
5 girl, I used to surf against the boys, because there were no
6 girl surfers". In 1972, Laura Blears won the Makaha
7 Invitational and became the first woman invited to compete in
8 the Smirnoff World Pro-Am Surfing championships in 1973, by
9 then-professional surfing promoter and future state senator Fred
10 Hemmings, who recognized Laura's talent and determination. That
11 same year, she was recognized as the world's top female surfer.
12 The legislature further finds that by honoring Laura Blears with
13 a day of observance, the State will encourage more women and
14 other underrepresented groups to follow their dreams in surfing
15 and other sports.



1 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to establish
2 November 19 as Laura Blears Day, to honor her accomplishments,
3 and to celebrate women in surfing.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
5 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
6 read as follows:

7 "§8- Laura Blears Day. November 19 of each year shall
8 be known and designated as "Laura Blears Day"; provided that
9 this day is not and shall not be construed to be a state
10 holiday."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2865

Report Title:

Laura Blears Day; Women in Surfing

Description:

Designates November 19 of each year as Laura Blears Day in Hawaii.

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